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ATTORNEYS

Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero
United States District Court
Northern District of California
450 Golden Gate Avenue
Courtroom A, 15th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: *Republic Indemnity Co. of California v. St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co.*
U.S.D.C. Northern District, Case No. 3:04-CV-03991-JCS

Dear Judge Spero:

This letter is to request a telephonic appearance at the Case Management Conference currently scheduled on Friday, August 19, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. My direct telephone line is 955-2529. I understand that the Court will initiate the conference and will await its call at that time.

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing matter.

Dated: 8/10/05



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max H. Stern/JC".

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